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Grand Opens Sunday Thursday with "The FBI Story"

Ed Kennelly, manager of the new Grand Theater, which opens Thursday evening, announces that "The FBI Story," starring James Stewart and Vera Miles, will be the feature film for the theater's premiere showing.

A few days ago Kennelly experienced the pleasure of meeting Stewart in person in Indianapolis.

"The FBI Story" two-time Pulitzer prize winner Don Whitehead's thrilling account of the activities of the nation's most famous law enforcement agency, was read by millions both in book and serialized form during 1957. It remained on the best seller list for 38 weeks.

Important Movie.

Now one of the important motion pictures of 1959, Warner Bros.' film adaptation of "The FBI Story" will delight and thrill patrons attending the gala opening.

Ranking with "Giant" as one of WB's most amitious undertakings, this motion picture required 163 sets for its filming and was done with complete authenticity.

Even the smallest roles were cast with infinite care. Though the trapping of John Dillinger by FBI agents is one brief sequence, months were spent before producer-director Mervyn LeRoy found the Dillinger he wanted in the person of Scott Peters, an ex-disk jockey from Saskatoon, Canada.

LeRoy, a gentleman noted for his enthusiasm, displayed even more than his usual quota of verve in discussing "The FBI Story." "This picture will give the public the low-down on how the FBI operates. Too many people are ignorant of its workings. The bureau has been doing a magnificent job for years, but the general public's imagination wasn't aroused until they moved in on gangsters like John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson. These events will be depicted in the film. Yet the incessant war on gangsterism is only one of the many functions of the FBI, as the picture will show," he declared.

Included in the Technicolor production are such action-packed events as the undercover work by agents in solving murders of Osage Indians in Oklahoma to obtain their oil rights, and FBI counter-espionage work in South American countries in which German spies were operating.

LeRoy blended the adventure and drama of FBI activities with a warm and entertaining account of an agent's personal and family life. The screenplay was written by two of Hollywood's foremost writers, John Twist and Richard Breen.

Many of the scenes were filmed in the real locales in Washington, D. C., and New York City. For others extensive sets were built. For the Osage Indians case a complete Oklahoma town was recreated. Even life size operating oil derricks were erected to give proper realism.

Heading the case with stars James Stewart and Vera Miles are Murray Hamilton, Larry Pennell, Nick Adams, Diane Jergens, Jean Willes, Joyce Taylor, Victor Millan and Parley Baer.

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KENNELLY MEETS STEWART—Ed Kennelly, manager of the new Grand Theater, which will have its gala opening Thursday, a few days ago was in Indianapolis, where he met James Stewart, star of "The FBI Story," the feature attraction for the theater's debut.